

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 193**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Calderon and Low**  
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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 193—Relative to technology and innovation.

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ACR 193, as introduced, Calderon. California Technology and Innovation Month.

This measure will proclaim the month of June as California Technology and Innovation Month, a special time for Californians to celebrate this ever-growing industry that is changing the way we view communication, health care, transportation, energy, travel, and business.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Technology, innovation and the entrepreneurial  
2 spirit are woven into our identity as Americans. We are the pioneers  
3 that always look beyond to the next frontier. From sending a man  
4 to the moon, to leading the Internet revolution, to developing  
5 cutting-edge technology, the world has always looked to America  
6 to lead into the future and, time and again, we have delivered that  
7 and much more; and  
8 WHEREAS, American-born advancements have shaped every  
9 aspect of our modern world. Our smartphones, which evolve daily,  
10 have enabled instant global communication and a more robust

1 exchange of ideas and knowledge. Our children and grandchildren  
2 have the chance for longer and healthier lives because of  
3 breakthroughs in medical technologies and drug treatments.  
4 Cutting-edge processes have turned the United States into a leader  
5 in energy production, while better data and advanced weather  
6 warning systems hold the promise of saving lives from natural  
7 disasters; and

8 WHEREAS, The next great medicine, energy source, or  
9 communication platform is waiting to be discovered by the people  
10 of California. Our greatest asset, and the biggest driver of  
11 California innovation, is California's people, and we need laws  
12 that support and enable the people of California; and

13 WHEREAS, California is home to a thriving world-class region  
14 which is home to high-tech corporations and thousands of  
15 innovative startup companies. These California-based corporations  
16 have given us amazing technological advances, such as the iPhone  
17 and semiconductors, and have changed how we utilize the Internet;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Innovation and technology are essential to  
20 achieving and maintaining economic prosperity in this increasingly  
21 competitive world, and our place as the most innovative and  
22 technology advanced nation on Earth cannot be taken for granted.  
23 We must stay focused on promoting growth and expanding  
24 opportunities for the next great idea; and

25 WHEREAS, California leads the nation with nearly 1.1 million  
26 tech industry jobs. For each job created in the tech sector,  
27 approximately 4.3 jobs are created in other local goods and services  
28 sectors across all income groups, including lawyers, dentists,  
29 schoolteachers, cooks, and retail clerks, among many others. There  
30 are an estimated 46,000 information and communication  
31 technology (ICT) industry-related businesses in California. ICT  
32 industry-related businesses produce \$172 billion in revenue. These  
33 businesses employ more than one million Californians and pay  
34 out close to \$76 billion in wages annually; and

35 WHEREAS, Communities throughout California will  
36 commemorate the month of June as California Technology and  
37 Innovation Month, a month celebrating the innovation industry  
38 and the entrepreneurial spirit; now, therefore, be it

39 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
40 *thereof concurring*, That in recognition of the innovation and

1 technology economy, the month of June shall be proclaimed  
2 California Technology and Innovation Month, a special time for  
3 Californians to celebrate this ever-growing industry that is changing  
4 the way we view communication, health care, transportation,  
5 energy, travel, business, and much more; and be it further  
6 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
7 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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